

Resident Questionnaire Instructions

2013 Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

Thank you for your time. Your responses to the attached questionnaire will help us design your neighborhood's project. Here is background information that will aid you in filling out the questionnaire. Each numeral relates to the corresponding survey question.

I. Drainage Service Connection

A typical sump pump discharges onto a homeowner's lawn. There are several sump pump drainage issues to look for. First, if your lawn drains back to your house, sump pump discharges can cause problems with your lawn, your neighbor's lawn or your basement. If the sump pump discharge runs down the gutter line, it can promote algae growth in the street. Finally, discharging the sump pump into the sanitary sewer system using floor drains or laundry tubs is against the law, both by City Ordinance and State Statute.

To prevent the issues mentioned above, your street reconstruction project could include a City sump drain system along the roadway to collect groundwater, storm water runoff, and discharges from private sump pumps, roof drains or any other runoff from private property. If the topography and final street designs favor a sump drain system, you could connect to it. That is why survey questions I.C. and I.D. ask about your sump pump preferences. Keep in mind that installation of the pipe from your house to the City sump drain system would be your responsibility, including plumbing modifications connection. However, the City sump drain system is funded through the storm sewer utility fund.

II. Local Drainage Problems

As part of the storm sewer and sump drain design process, we would like to know if storm water run-off stands in the street or sidewalk in front of your house. If this or similar situations are occurring in your area, please describe it in this section of the questionnaire. We will review for possible corrective action.

III. Private Underground Utilities

It is very important that you fill out this section. Some residents install private underground utilities in the roadway right-of-way (the area from the edge of the roadway to your property line). The most common private utilities include lawn irrigation and pet containment systems. Utility and roadway reconstruction can damage these utilities. If they are damaged, they will be restored by the City only if you indicate that you have these systems on your returned questionnaire. Additionally, if the contractor knows the location of these private utilities, crews can attempt to avoid damaging them during construction.

IV. Residential Streetlights

As part of all reconstruction projects, staff typically asks if residents favor upgrading their streetlight system. In some cases, the streetlight system is at the end of its useful life and requires upgrading. We do not know yet the condition of your specific streetlight system; an evaluation will be done later on. Funding for streetlights are currently through special assessment.

In the residential streetlight option section of the questionnaire are examples of the different styles of streetlighting that could be installed in your neighborhood. Please rank your style preferences. Please note that ranking your style preferences does not mean you are in favor of streetlights.

V. Pedestrian Issues

As part of all reconstruction projects, staff typically asks if residents see a need to add sidewalks in the neighborhood. Funding for sidewalks is split between special assessment, City of Edina and/or Edina Public Schools, depending where the sidewalk is located.

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Please note if you know of any pedestrian issues such as a missing segment of sidewalk or an inadequate pedestrian crossing.

VI. Traffic Management

The Edina Transportation Commission typically reviews traffic issues on local streets. We would like to know if you feel that your roadway has any traffic issues.

VII. Construction Updates (Time Sensitive)

During construction, notifications of time sensitive work (including work that makes driveways inaccessible) is typically provided using door hangers, which are usually placed at your front door. Is there another location that works better for you?

VIII. Email Updates

One of the primary tools for communicating with you during construction is the City Extra email notification service. The City Extra service is free and allows you to sign up to receive email messages from the City regarding this project.

By signing up for City Extra email notification service, you will receive project updates as they occur. The updates will include information such as when access to your driveway might be limited, when your water may be shut off for water main replacement and when to have your contractor repair your irrigation system if it was damaged during construction.

If you do not have email access, please indicate "no" on the questionnaire and we will mail you updates that are sent out via City Extra.

To receive email updates, sign up online at http://www.edinamn.gov/index.php?section=cityextra signup. Enter your email address and a password (new user will need to create a password). Click on email subscriptions. Scroll down the page until you see your neighborhood project name (Gleason Circle Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction). Place a check mark in the box next to it. Click the "update" button at the bottom right hand corner of the webpage.

Need Help?

If you have any questions about how to fill out the questionnaire, please contact Assistant City Engineer Chad Millner at 952-826-0318 or cmillner@EdinaMN.gov or Engineering Technician Jamie Cynor at 952-826-0440 or cynor@EdinaMN.gov.